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Had long conversation with King Saud last evening. Only other person present was Hussein, who acted as interpreter. King received me in friendly fashion.

He asked me to assure the President and the Secretary that their friend (himself) was the same man who talked with them last winter in Washington and that he would continue his unremitting opposition to international communism. He avoided stating how ever that declaration to that effect would be contained in any communique. He merely said that on the next day he was having a long personal conference with President Chamoun and the day after with members of his government. The question of communism would be thoroughly explored in those conversations.

King said western powers must accept the fact of Arab nationalism. The King said it was his firm policy (and his visits to Beirut and Damascus served that policy,) to guide and restrain this nationalism within reasonable limits and to bring all Arab states to friendly cooperation with the west.

To succeed in this policy however he needed all the prestige possible among his own and other Arab peoples. This prestige had been

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had been gravely affected by Israeli operations in the Gulf of Aqaba, which endangered and disturbed his country. If the US could force Israel to turn back its invasion of Egyptian territory and the Gaza Strip to help Egypt, which under its present government was scarcely a friend to the US, then America should prevent Israeli use of Aqaba to help Saudi Arabia, which was a true friend of the US. Hussein did not (repeat not) translate this but I understood the King also to say that Haifa or Jaffa were of course of true importance to Israel but Eliath could not (repeat not) be important to that country.

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